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The settlement is a win-win for Microsoft, and a big lose-lose for consumers.

Microsofts' illegal dominance and unfair practices are evident from the earliest days of it's inception when it deceived IBM with the lack of an OS and scrambled to put one together after the fact.

It is further illustrated when the Hard Disk manufacturers devised a better method for the technical architecture of disk storage. Microsoft rejected their proposal keeping the hardware industry firmly in its' grasp.

Then there was the use of unpublished code MS used to its advantage in developing proprietary software, while forcing the competition to program long subroutines around these discrepancies. MS continually disavowed this practice in public disclosure, until it was publicly documented by credible software experts.

Microsoft has continually advanced, and still does, the practice of marketing vaporware to stymie the competition and engender hesitation in corporate and end user purchases. This had forced other companies to fold, sell out, or otherwise cancel their development plans as a result.

The debacle over Java, and legal battles with Sun, have caused an otherwise beneficial software platform for uniting all types of machines and code into a single working environment was the furthest thing that Microsoft wanted. It would have severely undermined their current dominance and future plans to continue with that strategy. So MS developed their own form of code and imposed it on the market. Sun has a much system, but it was a threat to MS and could not be allowed to stand in their way.

The entire computer industry, technology, and the many other side benefits of this new technology has revolutionized the world. However, it has suffered long periods of indecision and product development as a result of MS's desire and bullying to dominate the industry.

There are many examples of these facts along the highway of development littered with the corporate corpses of those who tried to offer better products and strategies. They were run over, bought out, silenced, and even worse threatened with protracted legal battles to which MS has a bottomless pit of funding for legal engagement and harassment.

The best strategy would have been to spit the company into two parts, but this will not happen unfortunately.

They will continue to dominate the world with it's poorly written, unsecured, and otherwise buggy Windows software systems and architecture. They have as yet been unable to develop code that is anywhere as secure as Novell. Novell is just one more example of a market that MS has targeted for domination. Sure Novell made some fatal mistakes, but they still have a much better networking structure that is more secure than MS could ever hope to achieve.

Settling this case is giving Microsoft the green light to continue it's illicit and illegally gained monopoly and stranglehold of the industry.

Yours truly,
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